

## Message Text

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FOR CE DIRECTOR SCOTT GEORGE FROM HUMES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, AU

SUBJECT: FMS CASE DA AUSTRIA UNB - HELICOPTER

REF: (1) SCOTT GEORGE-HUMES TELCON (2) VIENNA 993

1. I CONFIRM CATEGORICALLY THAT NEITHER DAO VIENNA NOR ANYONE AT THIS POST HAS EVER SENT A COMMUNICATION TO DOD OR DOA INDICATING BELL AUGUSTA PERSONA NON GRATA. IF PENTAGON DISAGREES, KINDLY INSIST ON RECEIVING COPY OF ALLEGED COMMUNICATION.

2. IN MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH SCOTT GEORGE TODAY, HE INDICATED THAT DOD NOW TAKES POSITION DOA HAD NO AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXTENSION OF OFFER TO AUSTRIA MOD TO BUY OH 58 BELL HELICOPTERS FROM FMS CASE DA AUSTRIA UNB.

3. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS EMBASSY TO MAINTAIN CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH GOA IF WE CANNOT RELY ON COMMUNICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF ARMY OR OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE PENTAGON ONLY TO HAVE THEM LATER REFUTED BY DOD. THIS IS ONE HELL OF A WAY TO RUN A RAILROAD.

4. I PERSONALLY REQUEST EXTENSION OF OFFER BE HONORED. IF IT IS NOT, I CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT U.S.

MILITARY SALES IN THIS COUNTRY. I SHALL NOT PERMIT THIS POST TO BE MADE A FOOL OF TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT BY CONFLICTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM WITHIN THE PENTAGON.  
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5. I FURTHER EMPHASIZE THAT THE HOPE OF SALES OF FS-5'S ON WHICH WE HAVE BEEN WORKING SO HARD HERE WILL BE SEVERELY IMPAIRED IF OFFER IS TERMINATED AND U.S. CREDIBILITY IMPUGNED.

6. KINDLY ADVISE DECISION BEFORE MY NOON MEETING WITH MINISTER  
LUETGENDORF ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

7. I AUTHORIZE USE OF THIS TELEGRAM, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN  
CONFERRING WITH THE PENTAGON.HUMES

NOTE BY OC/T: EXDIS/STADIS CAPTION ADDED PER S/S-O - MR. KURZE.

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